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SUBJECT: NASA EARTH RESOURCES SATELLITE (LANDSAT)
INVESTIGATIONS PROGRAM.

1. ON 18 JULY 1975, NASA FORWARDED PROVISIONS FOR PARTICI-
PATION TO LIPTAKO-GOURMA AUTHORITY FOR SIGNATURE IN ORDER
TO FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LANDSAT INVESTIGATION NO.
28590, PLANNED AS INVESTIGATION TO INVENTORY AND ASSESS
THE AGRICULTURAL, HYDROLOGICAL, AND GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES
OF UPPER VOLTA AND NIGER. SUBSEQUENT CORRESPONDENCE WITH
AUTHORITY INDICATED THEY WISHED TO CHANGE OR ADD TO
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INVESTIGATORS ASSIGNED TO EFFORT.

2. ON 16 JANUARY 1976, NASA LETTER TO PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

STATED: QUOTE WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE CHANGE OR ADDITION OF CO-INVESTIGATORS WHOM YOU WISH TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT. PLEASE ATTACH A NEW PAGE TO THE COPY OF PROVISIONS WHICH YOU HAVE FOR SIGNATURE AND LIST ON IT THE CORRECT NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE CO-INVESTIGATORS YOU HAVE SELECTED. UPON RECEIPT OF THE SIGNED PROVISIONS AND ATTACHMENT, THE CHANGES WILL BE OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED AND LANDSAT DATA WILL BEGIN TO BE SUPPLIED TO YOU. UNQUOTE

3. NASA HAS NOT RECEIVED A REPLY (PROVISIONS FORWARDED IN

RESPONSE TO INVESTIGATION PROPOSAL TO NASA). TIME NOW BECOMING IMPORTANT FACTOR. TO DATE, NASA HAS HELD OPEN A SEGMENT OF LANDSAT SATELLITE DATA GATHERING CAPACITY PENDING AUTHORITY'S DECISION TO USE IT. HOWEVER, SINCE FORWARDING OF PROVISIONS, ONE OF TWO ONBOARD TAPE RECORDERS HAS FAILED, SEVERELY LIMITING COVERAGE CAPABILITY. ALSO, SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR SATELLITE SERVICE ARE BEING MADE TO NASA, PARTICULARLY FROM DEVELOPING NATIONS. PRIOR COMMITMENT TO INVESTIGATIONS PROGRAM LIMITS NASA ABILITY TO RESPOND.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY CONVEY TO AUTHORITY THAT STRINGENT SATELLITE SCHEDULE, TAPE RECORDER LIMITATIONS, AND OTHER USER DEMANDS ARE MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR NASA TO RESERVE CAPACITY FOR THEIR INVESTIGATION MUCH LONGER IN ABSENCE OF RECEIPT OF SIGNED PROVISIONS. ALTHOUGH NASA HOPES THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE FINALIZED, IF PROVISIONS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN SIX WEEKS, NASA WILL BE FORCED TO CONCLUDE AUTHORITY NO LONGER INTERESTED IN PURSUING INVESTIGATION AND WILL CONSIDER MATTER CLOSED.

5. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THERE IS POSITIVE INDICATION OF INTENT TO SIGN. SISCO

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